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TAGS: [PARM](#) [IAEA](#) [KNNP](#) [SY](#) [IR](#) [UK](#)
SUBJECT: UK, WITH EU PARTNERS, TO CONDEMN SYRIA AT IAEA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

REF: SECSTATE 119161 Classified By: Political Minister Counselor Gregory Berry for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

1. (C/NF) Summary: The UK is in full agreement with reftel points concerning Syria and will, with EU Partners, issue a statement condemning Syria.
2. (C/NF) Poloff delivered reftel demarche to Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) Counter-Proliferation Department Regional Issues Desk Officer.
3. (C/NF) Johnson said that the UK, together with EU Partners, would issue a "quite strong" statement condemning Syria for its failure to cooperate.
4. (C/NF) Johnson said that on previous IAEA reports on Iran and Syria, the UK had lobbied non-EU states, notably those in the Non-Aligned Movement.
5. (C/NF) Johnson said that the UK was preparing notes for the new IAEA DG noting the need to "keep the foot on the pedal" with regard to pressure on Syria.